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## **TAC Minutes, 10/12/2011**

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 10/12/11, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, Steve Kurland, Corey Rateau

Visitors Present: Mark Kaepplein (Palmer St), Mark Edry (Florence Ave).

1. Public Comments. None.
2. Administration.
  - a. Minutes of 9/14/11 were approved unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
3. Brunswick Road. Howard reported that the Working Group recommends making the following suggestions for residents of street to consider:
  - a. Consider adding sidewalk and curbing or widening existing sidewalk to narrow roadway.
  - b. Identify minimum acceptable road width.
  - c. Delete recommendation for reversal of one-way direction.Recommendations voted unanimously.
4. Town reports.
  - Laura reported that Planning Dept. discussed the request from TAC and ABAC regarding planning for an eventual Arlington connection to Hubway bike sharing now underway in Boston. Need more info on criteria for good bike storage locations, which will be available with experience. Scott will contact Hubway. Mark Kaepplein commented that to date highest use has been on weekends (presumably recreational), so should be located near Minuteman Bikeway.
5. Schools. Elisabeth suggested that we update the list of sidewalk and ramp improvements needed around the schools, to be submitted to DPW, and add remaining schools to list even if they are done.
  - a. Ottoson. First Safe Routes to Schools meeting with coordinator Heather Drake, Maria Lawczewicz, Principal Tim Ruggiere, and Elisabeth.
  - b. Brackett. Speed sign is not always working. Reviewing the school zone is in accordance with state standards.
6. CLAMP. Awaiting cost estimates for different options. Will bring options to Town Manager in October, then TAC, Selectmen, and then hold a public meeting.
7. Mass/Water/Spengler. Current sign is not adequate – poor visibility for approaching motorist on Water – need an advance sign. WG to meet to identify better sign locations. Wayne will get signs placed, and possibly bollards.
8. Route 77 Key Bus Routes Program. Working Group met, Howard distributed a draft report with recommendations for Selectmen. Minimum length needed for nearside stops is 90-100' and farside stops 60-80'. Length is needed to accommodate bus chair lifts. Some parking will be lost. A couple of stops still under consideration.
9. SRTS Grant for Dallin. Mark Edry, Safe Routes Coordinator for Dallin, wants to apply for a small grant for producing child drawn signs to encourage student usage of crosswalks. TAC support voted unanimously.
10. Flag Plot. Installed at 3 schools. The flags seem to be being used. Some flags have disappeared at Peirce and Brackett. Flags will be replaced. Ed suggested an article in the Advocate to publicize and educate.
11. Lake Street. Selectmen requested that TAC look at the Lake Street corridor from Mass. Ave. to Belmont. Working Group formed: Howard, Scott, Rich, Jeff, Wayne.
12. Everett/Raleigh. Request for additional stop signs. WG recommendation, insufficient traffic to make it a 3-way stop, but recommend adding 2 additional one way arrow signs, in accordance with MUTCD, at SW corner of Raleigh/Grafton and NE corner Raleigh/Everett. Voted unanimously.
13. Oakland/Gray. On Selectmen's agenda for Monday Oct. 17.
14. Hurd Field. Wayne is looking at parking lot striping and conducting a survey.
15. Andy Machado has resigned as an Associate – new house and child - too busy.
16. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting packet for October: Agenda, 10/12/11; 2012 Meeting Dates for Transportation Advisory Committee (10/12/11); Minutes of 9/14/11; BoS/ARB Project Status, 10/12/2011; Status of Outstanding Actions, 10/12/2011; Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, 10/12/11; Memo to Board of Selectmen from TAC Re. Stop sign request at Everett and Raleigh, dated October 3, 2011; Email from Scott Smith to TAC members Re. Town Day comments/suggestions for TAC, dated 9/17/11; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Jeff Maxtutis and Howard Muise, Re. Lake Street Traffic Concerns, dated September 20, 2011, with attachments from Robert Sanclemente, Corey Rateau, Wayne Chouinard; Memo to Board of Selectmen From TAC Re. Recommendations for Oakland, Gray & Cliff Intersection, dated October 17, 2011.
- Memo to Arlington TAC Meeting from Route 77 Working Group, Re. Proposed MBTA Route 77 Improvements, dated October 12, 2011;
- Sidewalk and Handicap Ramp Improvements for Schools (update from 2008)
- Memo to Arlington TAC from Howard Muise, Re. Brunswick Road Traffic Calming, dated October 12, 2011
- Crosswalk Signs at Dallin, submitted by Mark Edry